

HOUSE BILL 2939
By Stanley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
36-1-102, relative to adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision thereto:

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(A) "Willful" and "willfully," as descriptive of acts or omissions, by a compos mentis person, mean acts or omissions that are volitional, without regard to the person's motive and irrespective of the person's knowledge or lack of knowledge of the consequences, foreseeable and unforeseeable alike, of the acts or omissions;

(B) "Knowing" and "knowingly," as descriptive of acts or omissions, by a compos mentis person, mean acts or omissions that are volitional, without regard to the person's motive for acting or omitting to act and irrespective of the person's knowledge or lack of knowledge of the consequences, foreseeable and unforeseeable alike, of the act or omission; and

(C) "Intentional" and "with the intent," as descriptive of acts or omissions, by a compos mentis person, mean nothing other, more than, or different from, acts or omissions that are knowing or willful;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.